

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have appointed a Task Force on women to review the existing legislation and Central schemes and observance of 2001 as the year of Women Empowerment;
- (b) if so, the details of fresh initiatives taken/proposed to be taken for empowering women and facilitate their socio-economic emancipation;
- (c) the details of central schemes launched for betterment of women and progress achieved thereunder scheme-wise during the last three years, State-wise, particularly for Maharashtra; and
- (d) the details of new schemes proposed for betterment of women?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) A statement is annexed (ANNEXURE-I), which mentions new schemes/initiatives envisaged to be undertaken in the Women's Empowerment Year, 2001. Another new initiative is a proposed Bill on Domestic Violence Against Women.
- (c) Scheme/Programme-wise expenditure in the last three years is shown in ANNEXURE-II. State-wise assistance given during the last year is shown in ANNEXURE-III. Assistance given in respect of Maharashtra was Rs.383.79 lakh.
- (d) As in (b) above.

ANNEXURE-I

(Referred to in reply to part (a) / part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.150 for 20.2.2001)

New initiatives/schemes proposed during Women's Empowerment Year, 2001

1. Integrated Women's Empowerment Programme (IWEP):

It is envisaged to recast Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY) into an integrated programme for women's empowerment, renamed Integrated Women's Empowerment Programme (IWEP) and to expand the scheme from the existing 238 blocks to 650 blocks by the end of the IXth Plan (31.3.2002). Under the revised scheme, 53100 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) will be formed, covering more than 9 lakh women. The total project cost will be Rs.116.30 crore (for 6 years). The scheme of Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY) will also be merged with IWEP, and the MSY account holders would be given a choice to either close their accounts or convert the same into Post Office Savings Bank Accounts.

The vision of IWEP is to mobilize and develop empowered women who will:

- ~ Demand their rights from family, community and government;
- ~ Have increased access to, and control over, material, social and political resources;
- ~ Have enhanced awareness and improved skills; and
- ~ Be able to raise issues of common concern through mobilization and networking.

Both Government departments/agencies and NGOs as also districts/intermediary-level panchayat institutions, will be eligible to implement the projects at the block level under the overall control and supervision of State Governments. Each block-level project would be a composite project for 4-5 years, incorporating the following four elements:

- Ã~ Group formation/mobilization activities;
- Ã~ Community oriented innovative interventions;
- Ã~ Other schemes of Department of Women and Child Development, namely, NORAD, STEP, SEP and AGP and other schemes too, if there is a felt need for the same; and
- Ã~ Schemes of other departments, whether converged under GOI directions or State Government initiative.

2. Setting up of District Level Committees for Protection of Women's Rights:

District Level Committees are proposed to be set up under the chairpersonship of District Magistrates or District Collectors, to monitor and take steps to expedite the disposal of cases of atrocities against women whether they be at the stage of investigation, prosecution or trial. Constituting such Committees would send a strong message to all concerned about the seriousness with which Government views the steadily rising trend of atrocities against women and its strong determination to check them and speedily bring the offenders to book.

It is proposed that initially 100 districts would be covered and each district would be given 1.00 lakh.

3. Scheme for the Women in Difficult Circumstances:

A draft scheme has been prepared for launching in April 2001. The scheme proposes to offer assistance to various types of women in difficult circumstances such as widows/destitute women, women prisoners, migrant and refugee women without any social and economic support, trafficked women/girls rescued from brothels, and women victims of sexual crimes disowned by family. The support system proposed under the scheme will range from immediate rehabilitation to medium and long-term rehabilitation.

The tentative allocation for the scheme proposed during 2001-02 is Rs.6.00 crore.

ANNEXURE-II

(Referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.150 for 20.2.2001)

Expenditure on Women's Programmes in last three years

(1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000)

Name of Programme	Expenditure
(Rs. In Crores)	
1. Hostels for Working Women	22.21
2. Training-cum-Production Centres (NORAD)	43.66
3. Support for Training-cum-Employment Programme (STEP)	44.04
4. Indira Mahila Yojana	-
5. Mahila Samriddhi Yojana	19.43
6. Rashtriya Mahila Kosh	-
7. Short Stay Homes	12.22
8. Socio-Economic Programme	2.67
9. Condensed Courses for Educational and Vocational Training	15.43
10. Distance Education for Development and Empowerment of Women	0.90

11. Education Work for Prevention for Atrocities against Women	0.61
12. Awareness Generation Programme	5.12
13. Integrated Women's Empowerment Project	0.27
14. National Commission for Women	8.50
15. National Resource Centre for Women	-
16. Balika Samriddhi Yojana	142.63
17. Rural Women's Development and Empowerment Project	8.00
18. Swa-Shakti Project	13.00
TOTAL	338.69

ANNEXURE-III

(Referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.150 for 20.2.2001)

State-wise assistance given during 1999-2000 (in respect of schemes implemented by Department of Women and Child Development and Central Social Welfare Board)

State/U.T. Released (Rs. In Lakhs)	Amount
1. Andhra Pradesh	487.94
2. Arunachal Pradesh	56.68
3. Assam	100.09
4. Bihar	66.11
5. Goa	11.41
6. Gujarat	200.84
7 Haryana	79.98
8. Himachal Pradesh	86.18
9. Jammu & Kashmir	35.15
10. Karnataka	229.82
11. Kerala	148.32
12. Madhya Pradesh	354.34
13. Maharashtra	383.79
14. Manipur	90.19
15. Meghalaya	25.93
16. Mizoram	33.06
17. Nagaland	63.45
18. Orissa	362.26
19. Punjab	54.04

20. Rajasthan	72.94	
21. Sikkim	20.12	
22. Tamil Nadu	372.10	
23. Tripura	60.34	
24. Uttar Pradesh	258.33	
25. West Bengal	229.31	
26. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	21.16	
27. Chandigarh	14.06	
28. Dadara & Nagar Haveli	8.58	
29. Daman & Diu	-	
30. Delhi	116.48	
31. Lakshadweep	0.45	
32. Pondicherry	32.88	
Total		4076.33